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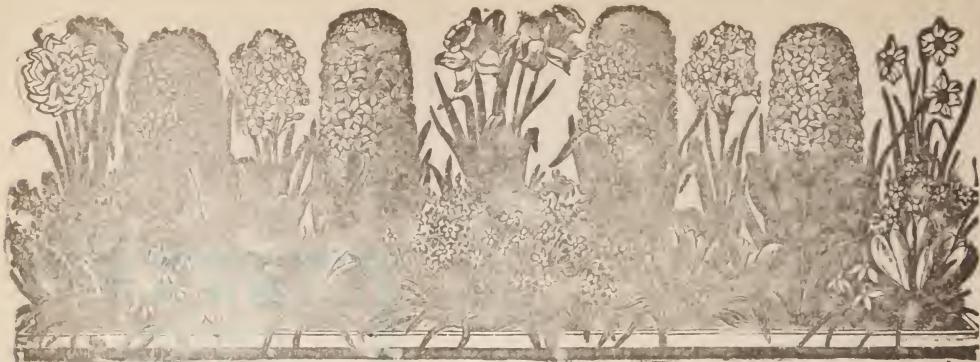


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- 6 Roman Hyacinths, various colors.
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- 4 Polyanthus Narcissus, various colors.
- 2 Double Narcissus, various colors.
- 2 Chinese Sacred Lilies, golden, and white.
- 4 Campernelle Jonquils.
- 4 Allium Neapolitanum.
- 2 Babianas, assorted.
- 2 Fine Callas.
- 6 Fine Fescias.
- 2 Winter-flowering Gladiolus.
- 6 Spanish Iris, mixed.

- 4 Lxias, mixed.
- 4 Ornithogalum.
- 2 Oxalis, in variety.
- 2 Kanunculus, assorted colors.
- 2 Sparaxis, assorted colors.
- 2 Bermuda Easter Lilies, large bulbs.
- 2 Zephyranthes, assorted.
- 2 Arums, red and black Callas.
- 2 Brodiaeas, mixed colors.
- 2 Calochortus, mixed colors.
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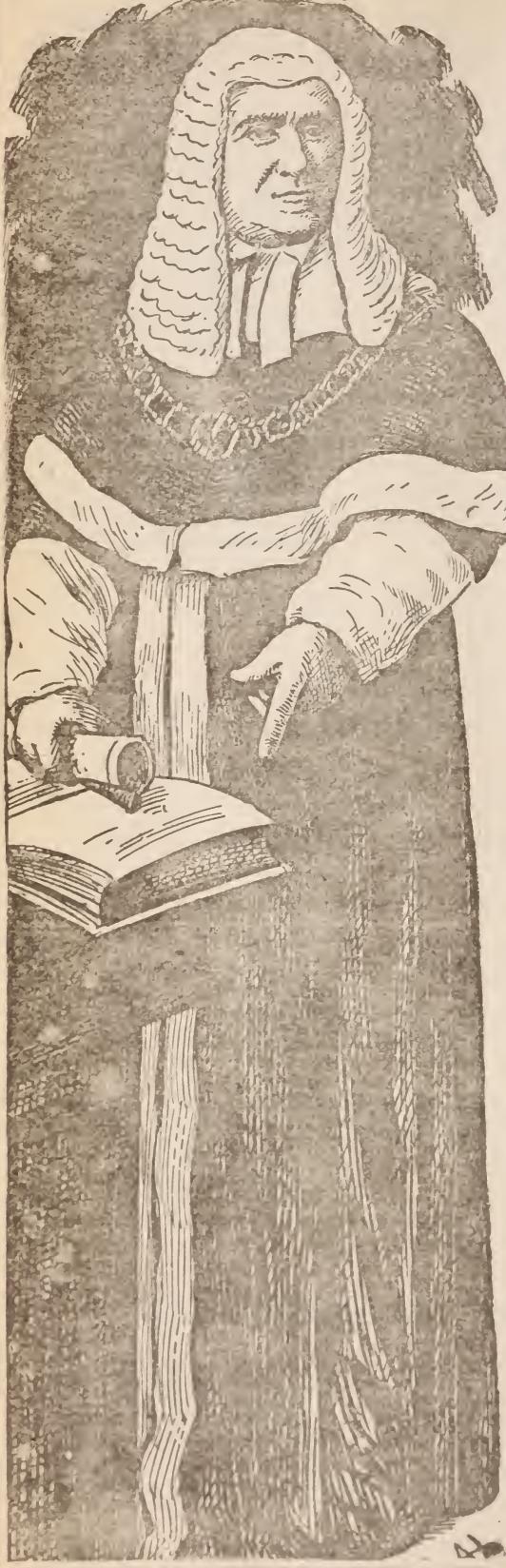
*New Emperor*, giant yellow flowers, 10c.  
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*Barri conspicuus*, canary, scarlet edged cup, 8c.  
*Double Roman*, double, yellow, clustered, 4c.

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## IN THE DAYLIGHT.

Now comes the day-light, and the clover leaflets  
Are open in the sun;  
The evening Primrose, smiling till the morning,  
And saucy Catch-fly, bee and insect scorning,  
Like some vain belles, who dance from dark till  
dawning,  
Close their petals, one by one,  
And sleep till set of sun.

Ina Lord McDavitt.

Vineland, N. J., Sept. 1, 1903.

## QUEEN VICTORIA DAFFODIL.

THE New Queen Victoria Daffodil is one of the most beautiful of the large-trumpet varieties. The flowers are of the largest size, the divisions of the perianth being

the bulbs has kept the price high there, none being offered by dealers for less than thirty cents each. In this country this year fine bulbs may be purchased at fifteen cents each, a price that ought to make it popular. The plant is vigorous in growth and bears two or more of its huge, attractive flowers. It is perfectly hardy, and can be bedded out with safety at any time before the ground freezes, the soil being well impacted by treading after the bulb is covered. Once established the plant will take care of itself, and bloom freely for many years.

**Sun for Hardy Bulbs.**—Tulips like an open, sunny situation, and porous, well-drain-



FLOWERS OF THE NEW QUEEN VICTORIA DAFFODIL.

broad and overlapping, and pure white in color, while the long, bold trumpet is gracefully recurved at the margin, and is a clear, golden yellow. The form is fairly indicated in the accompanying engraving.

This grand Narcissus is greatly admired in England, and has been awarded a first class certificate by the Royal Horticultural Society, also by Botanic Societies, and the demand for

ed soil. In a shady place and tenacious soil the bulbs will mostly bloom well the first season after planting, but will gradually disappear afterwards until none can be found. Wet seasons are especially hard upon Tulips, Hyacinths and other hardy bulbs, and if the conditions are unfavorable whole groups and beds of the bulbs will rot and fail to again appear.

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THE EDITOR invites correspondence with all who love and cultivate flowers.

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## Circulation Bulletin.

Number of copies mailed of Park's Floral Magazine, as indicated by Postoffice receipts, for September, **375,575.**

Number of copies printed of Park's Floral Magazine, as indicated by press counters, for October, **376,730.**

## Editorial.

**Stephanotis.**—Stephanotis floribunda is a hot-house evergreen climber from Madagascar. It has opposite, thick, leathery, glossy green leaves, and umbels of pure white, tubular, sweet-scented flowers. The plants may be found in bloom at almost any season of the year, and the cut flowers are useful for bouquets, wreaths and vases. Cuttings of the half-ripened wood inserted in moist sand and kept close, will soon strike root, after which pot in a compost of peat, loam, leaf-mould and sand. Water freely, and syringe often during the summer. It is also well to sponge the leaves with soapy water, to keep them clean. If attacked by mealy-bug, which is partial to this plant, syringe with hot quassia-chips tea.

**Remedy for Ants.**—A correspondent of *The Weekly Florists' Review* writes, "A very effective remedy for ants on lawns is to mix granulated sugar with arsenic and then with fresh bread crumbs, and sprinkle around their nests. One application is generally sufficient. Having wanted something to clean ants from lawns myself, and trying a number of recipes, I submit the above for the benefit of others similarly afflicted. Mix the sugar and arsenic thoroughly first, then add the crumbs and mix again."

**Blighted Begonias.**—Some of the Begonias are occasionally attacked by a fungus, which spots and dries the leaves, and ruins the beauty of the plants. When the blight appears, the affected leaves should be removed and burned, and some flowers of sulphur applied and worked into the surface soil.

## CULTURE OF POLYANTHUS NARCISSUS.

THE Dutch Polyanthus Narcissus are among the most desirable of all bulbs for window culture. When well developed they can be depended upon to grow and bloom, and the care they require is trivial. The clusters of bloom are as large as those of the well-known Sacred Lily, which is a Chinese variety of Polyanthus Narcissus bearing white flowers with a yellow cup. In many respects, however, they are to be preferred to the Sacred Lily, as the flowers are of various colors, and some also show double flowers in beautiful variegation. Following are some of the best named varieties:

Grand Monarque, pure white with citron cup; flowers large and handsome, and borne in large trusses.

Gloriosa, white with orange cup; large, splendid truss; free-blooming.

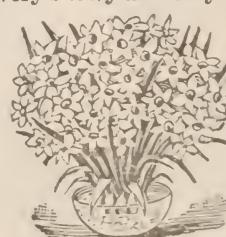
States General, creamy white with yellow cup; very fine.

Soleil d' Or, rich yellow with orange cup. This is the best companion for the Sacred Lily, as it bears golden flowers in fine trusses. It is the variety that should be known as "Golden Sacred Lily."

Large-flowered Paper White, a popular sort largely grown in the South of France and imported and used by florists to force for winter flowers. It is easily grown and a desirable sort. It has rather small bulbs but blooms freely.

Double Roman, also a French-grown bulb. It bears large trusses of double flowers, variegated white and yellow.

The flowers of Polyanthus Narcissus are all very showy and very fragrant. They are fine



for window decoration either in pots or glasses and in the South the bulbs are very satisfactory when bedded out. Set them five inches deep, and mulch after planting. Even as far north as Pennsylvania we have known

large beds of these bulbs to bloom well for years, when left undisturbed.

In pots of soil the bulbs should be set so that the neck will protrude above the surface, and a dark, rather warm place should be provided for them till the roots develop, when they should be brought gradually to the light. Avoid a hot, dry atmosphere. Water liberally, and place in a sunny window when the buds are ready to develop. Keep cool and away from direct sunlight when in bloom.

In glasses or dishes of water the bulbs should be so placed that the tops will stand erect. Do not let the bulbs touch the water, or at least avoid constant immersion. The base should be near to the water, but rarely touching it. Add water occasionally to replenish that used by evaporation. The dishes or glasses should be given a dark closet till roots form, then bring them to the window and encourage the bulbs to grow and bloom. Some lumps of charcoal in the water will prevent it from becoming stale, if pure water is used.

**NARCISSUS POETICUS.**

(See illustration on 1st Title Page.)

PERHAPS the hardiest and most common of the Daffodil family is *Narcissus poeticus*. It is a native of Southern Europe, and its introduction was so remote that the best informed authorities do not venture to predict the date. The flowers are mostly borne singly, on strong scapes, early in spring, and are very fragrant, two inches across, and pure white, with a cup-like centre tinged with red. The species is mostly known as Poet's Narcissus. It forms beautiful groups or marginal clumps, and is tenacious as well as handsome.

By the efforts of various Daffodil specialists the old form of Poet's Narcissus has been greatly improved. The variety known as *N. poeticus poetarum* has flowers from two and a half to three inches in diameter, and blooms earlier than the type. *N. poeticus ornatus* is a popular sort for forcing for Easter. The flowers are pure white with a large orange cup. *N. poeticus stellaris* is a late-flowered variety with narrow perianth divisions. *N. poeticus Burbidgei* is a fine sort with white flowers, the cup edged with scarlet. *N. poeticus biflorus* is a fine hybrid, each scape bearing two large, handsome flowers. *N. poeticus flore pleno* is the double gardenia-scented variety. All of these varieties are hardy, and deserve a place in every collection. The general form of the single hardy flowers is well shown in the engraving on first title page.

**Staphylea trifolia.**—This is a small native tree or shrub, commonly known as Bladernut, because of its inflated, membranaceous, bladder-like capsules. Each leaf is composed of three leaflets, ovate, pointed, slightly hairy beneath, and has a stem and a toothed margin. The flowers are white, borne in drooping, compound racemes. The capsule is in three divisions, and holds from one to three bony seeds which appear as if cut off at the base. The tree is mostly found in damp, shady woods, from North Carolina northward to New York.

**Tuberoses.**—Tuberose clumps should be lifted early and the bulbs well dried and stored in a dry, warm room during winter. Pot early in spring the larger bulbs that have not yet bloomed, and water sparingly till growth begins, then freely. Avoid chills, and bed out when the weather becomes warm. A bulb that has once bloomed is mostly worthless for future use. The bulblets need several years of culture before they attain blooming size.

**Ice Plant.**—The seedlings of Ice Plant are liable to damp off if the ground is kept too moist, or the atmosphere too close. Like all succulents the Ice Plant resents a wet soil. When a tendency to damp off appears give less water and more air. It is better to sow the seeds in a box than in a bed, as the soil and atmosphere can thus be regulated by shifting.

**CRINUM AND AMARYLLIS.**

ONE of the floral sisters has a plant which she does not know, but thinks it may be *Amaryllis belladonna*. It throws up leaves two feet long and two inches broad, and bears in August a cluster of delicately-scented flowers which are white with a rosy band through the center. She winters it in the cellar, giving it a little water occasionally, and it begins to grow in February. The person who gave her the bulb called it a South American Lily. The Editor would inform her that the doubtful plant is not *Amaryllis belladonna*. That plant loses its leaves every year, and when growth begins the flower scapes appear first. It is not uncommon to see several scapes of bloom before the foliage appears in spring. Most of the huge long-necked bulbs sold as South American Lilies at flower stores and by fakirs upon the city streets are of the *Crinum* family. There are many species of this genus, and all are natives of warm or tropical lands. They should not be dried off entirely during the resting period.

**Sansevieria Zeylanica.**—This is a succulent plant, and must be watered sparingly, especially during the resting period. It should be repotted once a year and the foliage kept clean by sponging. It will grow in a water-tight pot, if judiciously watered, but it is better to give it good drainage and a porous soil. It will thrive out-doors in summer if given partial shade. It likes a warm, dry atmosphere, but is not easily chilled. It is propagated by cutting off and inserting the leaves in sand. One leaf will often start two or more plants. When a leaf is broken by accident it is always well to remove it and plant it in sand to the depth of an inch or more. The plants rarely bloom till several years old.

**Gloxinias.**—On the approach of winter dry off Gloxinias and keep them in a dry room at a temperature of 50° until spring, then repot them in fresh soil, water, and encourage growth. Do not water or start growth before repotting, as to remove the new fibrous roots would prove injurious to them.

**Spotted Calla.**—The tubers which develop upon the sides of the Spotted Calla may remain on for two years, or may be removed, as desired. Bedded out in a sunny place in summer and well mulched with stable litter as the heated term approaches, this plant blooms freely.

**Starting Geraniums.**—*Geranium* cuttings turn black and damp off when put in clay soil and kept constantly wet. The best starting material is fresh sharp sand kept well moistened.

**Ammonia.**—Spirits of ammonia is a liquid useful as a fertilizer. Add a tea-spoonful to three quarts of water used in watering. Apply once a week—not oftener.

## CELASTRUS AND SOLANUM.

**C**ELEASTRUS scandens is a handsome shrub by native vine found in thickets and in brakes throughout the Northern States.

The trunk is very pliable, and is readily twisted to assume any desired shape. The growth is rapid and the panicles of bloom are succeeded by clusters of showy orange fruits in autumn. These burst open when touched by frost, and reveal bright scarlet seeds. These clusters often hang on the vine and are ornamental throughout the winter. The common name is Staff Tree, but it is often called Bittersweet. It belongs to the Order Celastraceæ, and is a near relative of *Euonymus Americana*, or Spindle-tree.

*Solanum dulcamara* is a vine from Southern Europe which has escaped cultivation and is frequently found growing along old fence rows. It has purple flowers which resemble those of the garden Tomato, and the clusters of scarlet berries, about the size of currants filled with numerous small seeds, appear later.

The plant is a hardy perennial of trailing habit, and is suitable for a trellis, or for covering an old fence or low buildings. It belongs to the Night-shade family, Solanaceæ.

**Chrysanthemum Rust.**—A subscriber from Maryland complains of a rust or blight which affects her Chrysanthemums when the buds are ready to open. It appears first as spots upon the under side of the lower leaves and from there spreads until the foliage is brown and lifeless. It has ruined all of her plants, both of greenhouse and garden varieties, and she asks for a remedy. It is possible that spraying the plants with bordeaux mixture would be found beneficial. An addition of flowers of sulphur to the potting soil might prove useful, as also an application stirred into the surface soil about the garden plants. The disease is evidently a fungus, and spreads by spores. It would be well to gather infected leaves and burn them as fast as they appear.

**Umbrella Plant.**—The Umbrella Plant, *Cyperus alternifolius*, should be sparingly watered during winter and kept in a cool, but frost-proof place till spring. The need of rest is indicated by the fading of the leaves in late autumn. In the spring cut off the old tops, repot in rich, well-drained soil, and keep well watered. If drainage is good there is little danger of watering to liberally. The plants are readily propagated from seeds, and when well-grown are graceful and beautiful for window decoration.

**Nicotiana.**—*Nicotiana affinis* that bloomed during the summer can be lifted, potted, its tops cut back, and a new growth encouraged for winter-blooming. The roots may also be kept over winter in the cellar and bedded out in the spring. In a mild climate the plant is hardy, and even as far north as New York it is hardy when planted in a sheltered place and given some protection during winter.

## OXALIS AND RUMEX.

**O**XALIS acetosella is the white or true Wood-sorrel. It has clover-like leaves and rather showy, five-petaled flowers, followed by somewhat egg-shaped capsules with five cavities each containing one or two seeds. It is one of two hundred and fifty species of Oxalis, most of which are natives of tropical regions. The genera belongs to the Geranium family.

*Rumex acetosella* is another plant often called Field or Sheep-sorrel, and on account of the specific and common names is sometimes confounded with the Oxalis. It is altogether different in character, as well as appearance, and belongs to a different Order—*Polygonaceæ*. It is a near relative of the Sour Dock, and has arrow-like leaves, which are very acid, and erect panicle racemes of greenish-red flowers. It is mostly found in old spouty fields, and is often called Horse-sorrel. Where it is found the land contains too much acidity to be fertile, and the farmer usually regards its appearance as a sign that an alkaline application, such as lime or potash, will be beneficial. It is a farm weed, but is not generally difficult to eradicate.

**Snowdrops.**—The earliest of our spring flowers are the Snowdrops. Almost before the snow is gone the little greenish white buds



appear and develop into exquisite little flowers rivaling the color and purity of the driven snow. The bulbs are perfectly hardy,

and should be planted in autumn. They may be inserted in clumps among the grass upon the lawn, or set in the margin of the garden bed or border. Elwees Giant Snowdrop is one of the most showy, but the common single and double sorts are earlier, and always admirable.

**Platycodon.**—This hardy perennial often is known as Wahlenbergia, and often as *Campanula Mariesii*. It is easily grown from seeds, and bears showy and beautiful blue and white flowers. The plants are tenacious, and when once started will hold their place for years. It should be in every collection.

**White Daffodil.**—A very handsome hardy white Daffodil is *N. pallidus præcox*. The color is not a clear white, but rather a pleasing sulphur white. The flower is large and graceful and has twisted perianth segments, and a handsome, serrated trumpet. It is a desirable and worthy variety.

**Spring Flowers.**—Don't fail to plant a bed of hardy bulbs this autumn. The flowers will delight you in early spring, almost as soon as the snows disappear. With these bulbs you are sure of success.

## Cacti and Odd Plants.

### ODDITIES IN CACTI.

**I**WISH I were artist enough to draw a picture of a Cactus which I received under the name of Brain Cactus. I think it is a contorted form of *Echinocactus Simponsii*. The spines are yellowish and white with a red line through the center of any lengthened part and a red spot in the center of any round part. It is very beautiful to a Cactus admirer. Another oddity is *Cereus formosus monstrosus* which I have grafted, and it does extremely well, as well as on its own roots. Its fine yellow spines render it more attractive than *Cereus Peruvianus*, which rivals it closely in its curious, coxcomb-like manner of growth. A handsome and desirable *Cereus*, and one which retains its beautiful blue color well, is *Cereus Hankeanus*. Still another curious plant of another family is *Opuntia Ursina*, which, with its long white hairs, reminds one of *Pilocereus senilis*, which latter is acknowledged by all to be one of the principal curiosities of Nature's kingdom.

Mrs. H. A. L.

Queens Co., N. Y.

**Mammillarias.**—It is a mistake to suppose that the Mammillarias are all small, as my *Mammillaria nogalensis* weighs several pounds, and with its interlacing yellow and white spines is very pretty. If a person cares for yellow spines let them choose *M. erecta* and *M. eriacantha*. *M. elegans nivea* is a marvel of white daintiness, and let its companion be *M. lasiacantha*. *M. macromeris* or Button Cactus is both curious and pretty—one of my plants having two distinct centers with new growth of snow-white spines. *M. deceptiens* is not a handsome plant, but is desirable on account of its large, clear, lemon-colored blossoms, which are quite lasting. The blooms of many of this species such as *M. applanata* are insignificant, but are followed by a beautiful red berry or seed pod which brightens a whole collection. Many have longer spines and large pink flowers. A collection of Mammillarias alone is very attractive.

Mrs. H. A. L.

Queens Co., N. Y.

**Cane Cactus.**—I have a Cactus which is an inch and a half in circumference, and eight feet tall. I train it in rings and arches, and any way I want to. It is a curiosity to very many people. The bloom is as large as a saucer. We call it the Cane Cactus. I do not know the proper name. A Flower Lover.

Montgomery Co., Ind., Nov. 18, 1902.

[Ans.—The Cactus described is probably the Night-blooming *Cereus*—*C. grandiflorus*. The stock is usually fine-ribbed, and the flowers nocturnal, large, pearl white, with yellow sepals. *Cereus triangularis* is somewhat similar, but having a three-ribbed stalk, prickly bristles, and large white flowers with green sepals.—Ed.]

## Floral Miscellany.

### SUNDRY HINTS ON PLANT CULTURE.

**H**AVING lost many small plants by reason of the furnace heat in the house drying out the soil in two and three inch pots, the plan is now followed of placing three thumb pots in a four-inch saucer and keeping a supply of water there.

A pudding dish six inches in diameter, filled with moist sand serves for starting about two dozen slips at one time, and is very manageable and interesting.

Colors may be sorted out in a bed of mixed Tulips or Gladioli by clipping a leaf aslant for red, straight across for white, arrow shape for pink, notched for something else, etc. A little ingenuity will provide a distinct mark for every sort that is to be separated when lifting time comes.

Among many hardy Roses, Gabriel Luizet, pink, Margaret Dickson, white, Paul Neyron, large pink, are the finest in the bed. The best effect is produced by half a dozen or more of one sort together. The rose bed does well to be permanent, with a clay subsoil and fertile loam on top. With some care, Tulips, Gladioli and Asters can be planted in the rose bed, and make it a beauty through the whole season, and the necessary cultivation will prove beneficial.

A small vegetable garden hedged with Paeonies and Sweet Briar Roses on one side and Currants and Chrysanthemums on the curve of the other side seems to encourage the early Peas and the Lettuce to greater luxuriance.

A box of road-sand sunk on the north side of the house to get only the morning sun, is a good place to start slips in summer time. When the vigor of the plant is all going to leaf formation it is not so good a time to make slips as before or after. Leaving the half-cut slip hang for a week before detaching and planting, will make a strike of roots more certain.

Hardy shrubs can be propagated by slips quite generally, but root division gives a larger plant more quickly.

For removing from rose shoots their devouring swarms of green aphid, try a small flat varnish brush to sweep them off.

Domine.

Indiana Co., Pa., Nov. 25, 1902.

**Plumbago in California.**—There is a very luxuriant vine, with sky blue flowers growing in clusters, which one sees everywhere here. I admired it greatly and secretly until someone spoke of it as the Plumbago. Well! Have I not raised the Plumbago in a pot at home, and did I not think it a noble plant when it attained a foot or two high. It will completely cover a porch here, and climb twelve or fifteen feet, while it is one mass of bloom.

Georgina Townsend.

Los Angeles Co., Cal.

## Floral Poetry.

### DEAD GRASSES.

Only a summer ago,  
When the season of bloom was young,  
Waved by the sun's kindly glow,  
Into beauty and grace they sprung;  
Now they are bleached and whitened  
By the winter's frost and snow,  
Yet the bare brown earth they brightened  
Only a summer ago.

Yet lovely they are, though the fingers  
Of Time leaves them faded and sere,  
For all of their gracefulness lingers,  
All of their beauty is there—  
Delicate fairy-like beauty,  
Which brings once again to my sight  
Visions of nooks by the brookside,  
Visions of pale moonlight.

Where the plumes of feathery lightness  
Wave spectral and white, they seem  
Pale ghosts, which speak of the brightness  
Of beautiful summer's gay dream;  
Of days running over with gladness,  
Now vanished beyond recall,  
And they tell with eloquent sadness  
Life's winter comes soon to us all.

And we, with the grace of the grasses,  
Must bow our heads to the storm,  
And bend 'neath the blast as it passes,  
Nor suffer our souls to deform.  
And when all life's sorrows are lightened,  
And the storms are all weathered at last,  
The soul shall in beauty be heightened  
After the winter is past.

Oklahoma Co., Okla. *Elta Dimmick Goodwin.*

### POPPIES.

Oh, weave me a garland of Poppies, dear,  
White Poppies, to make me sleep;  
For brain and heart are a-weary, dear,  
As ever the watch I keep.  
Sometimes I am strong as an eagle young,  
But today my sadness is deep.

Sometimes I can see in the Promised Land  
The gift of all things I desire,  
And I buoyantly journey the livelong day,  
My soul sustained by its fire;  
But now, oh weave me a garland of sleep.  
For the way grows dim, and I tire!

Oh, Poppies of sleep and of breathless ease,  
Shelter my soul a space,  
For I cannot see plainly my pathway now;  
I see only one dear face,  
And it shuts out the sight of the Ultimate Good  
With its beauty, its strength and grace.

*Bessie Bellman.*

Oklahoma Co., Kans., Sept. 11, 1903.

### THE NETTLE'S COMPLAINT.

The bumblebee woos the clover-field,  
To the Honeysuckle sails the bee.  
Odorous nectar they freely yield,  
But none woo me.

The humming-bird seeks the Lily's cup,  
The zephyrs kiss the flowering lea,  
Butterflies hesitate, pause and sup,  
But none woo me.

*New London Co., Conn.*

*Alice B. Waite.*

### ONE DAY.

One day  
Upon the Maple tree  
A bird was singing merrily,  
And darling wife, who chanced to hear,  
Said, "Robin's come, now spring is near."

One day  
With wife I chanced to spy  
A nest among the branches high,  
And in the nest were birdlings four,  
While Robin hopped past our door.

One day  
That nest was empty there,  
And four young birds in sad despair  
Sat near the tree and softly cried,  
Because the world was all too wide.

One day  
We saw the robins spread  
Their wings and vanish; sadly said  
Dear Wife, "Tis fall, no birds, no song  
To cheer us through the months so long."

One day  
Again the birds will come  
To make sweet music near our home;  
May angel bands on pliant wings  
Watch o'er us till the robin sings.  
*Bradford Co., Pa.* *Ruth Raymond.*

### MY CHOICE.

Oh, others may seek for pleasures  
In the city's rush and roar,  
But give me the sunlit valleys  
And the mountains wild and hoar;

For I love the grand old forests  
With their leafy temples dim,  
Where in sweet and rhythmic measures  
Sombre Spruces chant their hymn.

Lovely the scarlet Maple swaying  
O'er the rippling, dimpling stream,  
Love the crash and roar of thunder,  
And the lightning's lurid gleam;

Lighting up the rock-strown hillside  
Where the white-robed birches grow,  
With their tattered garments flying  
O'er the mosses lying low.

Glad am I to learn the lessons  
That I'm learning hour by hour,  
Glad my soul to thrill with nature  
One with the Creative Power.

*Windsor Co., Vt.* *Mrs. I. L. Lewis.*

### CHRYSANTHEMUMS.

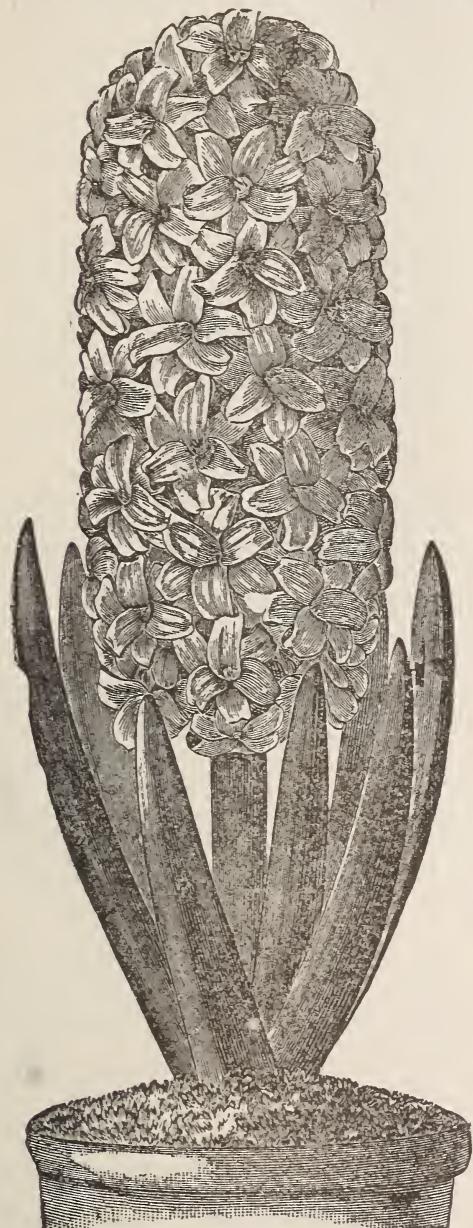
Scentless! Yea, and rather large  
I am forced to own,  
But still, my dear Chrysanthemum,  
You need not stand alone,  
That head you droop so slightly,  
As if afraid of blame,  
May be with proud erectness held  
To let folks know your name.  
Your hue, though rather delicate,  
In truth is very fair,  
And with the best of Flora's band  
Will favorably compare.  
So now my brave Chrysanthemums  
I'm glad to see you here,  
For that bright, graceful head of yours  
Makes winter seem less drear.

*Mary M. B. Arbuckle.*  
*Norfolk Co., Mass.*

## Bulbous Flowers.

### GIANT HYACINTH.

**T**HREE are some varieties of Hyacinths which produce enormous trusses of close-set, graceful flowers, borne by tall, heavy stems. The larger the bulbs, the larger will be the trusses. Well-grown specimens



GIANT HYACINTH.

are often seen from twelve to fifteen inches tall, the stem and truss being in proportion to the height. These giant Hyacinths are mostly new varieties selected and grown with a view to produce mammoth bloom. Follow is a list of the best, showing all the leading

colors: Jacques, light pink; Cardinal Wiseman, rose; Yellow Hummer, yellow; Snowball, pure white; La Grandesse, pure white; Master-piece, black; Sir Wm. Mansfield, mauve; Potgieter, porcelaine. These are all single, and are first-class sorts for culture either in pots or glasses in the house, or for the finest display in beds during the spring. Among giant double Hyacinths might be named Kohinoor, salmon pink; Sunflower, bright yellow; Lorens Koster, dark blue; Lord Wellington, pink; La Grandesse, double white; Isabella, blush pink.

To get the best results from the giant Hyacinths only the largest selected bulbs should be obtained. Such bulbs are usually sold at from fifteen to twenty-five cents each, and are cheap enough at that price. Given plenty of pot room and rich soil the bloom will prove a revelation to many who have grown only the common sorts.

**Zephyranthes alba.**—Everyone likes Lilies, and the Fairy Lilies are favorites with us all. My beautiful new house has a long border of the white ones, which grow and multiply rapidly in our southern clime. They bloom for a long time, twice a year. To raise them in pots give them good drainage, a loam and sand soil, sun and water, and they will repay you. They are especially lovely to have for weddings, funerals, churches or anywhere where white Lilies are appropriate. I have the Rosea which are the color of a Papa Gontier Rose, but I have not seen any of the scarlet since I ruined a pail of them my mother had, when I was a young girl at home. I overwatered them. Does any one have them? If so, I want to hear from them.

Zephyranthes sulphurea is a yellow one, exceedingly handsome, and larger than the white and rose. These Fairy Lilies are great pets with floral people, and if you have none you surely are missing a most satisfactory bulb.

Georgiana S. Townsend.  
Los Angeles Co., Cal., Mar. 10, 1903.

**My Oxalis.**—My Oxalis is a thing of beauty. I set it in the yard last summer. When frosts came I lifted it, put it into a pot of rich soil, cut the top all away, watered it every few days with warm water, gave it a sunny window, and oh my, how it has grown and bloomed! A perfect mound of pink! Every one admires it.

Mrs. Eva M. Casey.  
Laclede Co., Mo., Mar. 16, 1903.

**Buttercup Oxalis.**—A large basket, or pot, of Bermuda Buttercup Oxalis in the window gives just the brightness that is needed. It is a true buttercup yellow, and blooms in great profusion all winter.

Aunt Anna.  
Lincoln Co., Wash., Feb. 18, 1902.

**Calla Lily.**—When a Calla begins to show fading leaves set it away, withhold water, and give it a season of rest. After two months repot it in fresh soil and start it into growth. It does well with good drainage and in rather tenacious soil.

## Garden Culture.

### FLOWERS IN CALIFORNIA.

**A** SNAGGY-looking shrub, with a trunk as thick as my wrist, I found to be the beautiful Lantana, so huge that I did not at first recognize it. The Fuchsias and Heliotropes, in many instances, cover whole sides of houses, and are one mass of bloom. Geraniums are not choice, such as we grow East. They are mostly scarlet. But the Pelargoniums are exquisite, every shade and combination of white, red, pink, lavender, purple and scarlet. The plant grows into a shrub, and is covered with bloom. Cannas do no better here than East, but Carnations are bounteous. They do best down by the sea, in the sand, heat and moisture. Of course everyone irrigates, and the sweet Violets bloom the entire spring, while one can have Sweet Peas all the time, by planting at intervals. Palms, Rubbers, and Grevilleas grow into immense trees. Tuberoses live the year around in the earth, and Amaryllises grow in great clumps, with scarlet, crimson, pink, white, white and red, white and lavender, and white and pink lilies. The Umbrella Plant grows enormously, and Callas bloom in hedges. The pale-blue Plumbago grows into an immense vine, and the Moonflower is a handsome climber also. The fragrant yellow and white Honeysuckle covers the porches.

Ivy Geraniums are used along fences, up which they climb and cover with their pink bloom. Every one has Smilax, and succulents are used in the spaces between the walks and the streets. Papyrus grows here, and is very handsome. Bougainvillea makes an immense and handsome display, and Poinsettia is one of the oddities a stranger always notices. Cactuses are numerous, but grow wild farther toward the desert. The Prickly Pears bloom profusely. In the parks the Cactus display is a magnificent sight. One sees few Ferns anywhere, but plants of Asparagus are grown, and make trees. Begonias do well here with the same treatment they receive in the eastern climate. During the dry season grass, as well as everything else, must be irrigated, but on the beaches there grows in spite of dryness, a dainty Sea Verbena, delicate purple, also a yellow cup, and a glistening plant, which, when trod on, gives forth a juice. And it takes a tenderfoot to ask what kind of blossoms figs have. They have none! The fruit pushes out of the twigs!

Georgina S. Townsend.

Los Angeles Co., Cal.

[NOTE.—The Fig is a member of the Nettlewort family, *Urticaceae*, and with the Rubber Tree and Southern Wall Creeper, is classed under the generic name *Ficus*. The fruit encloses the flowers, which vary in sex, the staminate flowers having three stamens and a three-parted calyx, while the pistillate flowers have an ovary and five-parted calyx. Both pistillate and staminate flowers are produced upon the same receptacle, the lower and most numerous flowers being the pistillate ones.—ED.]

### CHRYSANTHEMUMS.

**A** FRIEND gave me a half dozen fancy Chrysanthemum sprouts. I procured a box eighteen inches deep and eighteen inches square, and filled it with rich leaf-mould. In it I set my plants, watering plentifully until I saw new leaves starting. They grew very fast, and in about three months were tall slender plants. In July I took them up and repotted them in pots, cutting off about three inches of the tops of them which I reset in the box. I used the leaf-mould in the pots, with small pebbles in the bottoms for drainage. The plants in the pots having been deprived of the main top, soon put out new branches and became nice bushy plants. The tops that I cut off all rooted nicely, and bloomed a little later than those in the pots. The Chrysanthemums are so easily propagated. When once you have a start of them, they keep on increasing in number from year to year. Although the fall was very dry here, I never saw Chrysanthemums do so well. Those out-doors began blooming in October and continued through the month of November up until the first of December.

Mrs. K. B. Peck.

Clark Co., Ind., Dec. 10, 1902.

**Kochia Scoparia.**—People who visited the Exposition at Buffalo, N. Y., were unstinted in their praise of the plant with the above name. It was represented as growing about two feet high, and was covered for a long time with bright red blossoms nestled amongst its finely cut foliage. Whether this is a new plant or not I cannot say, but it is new to me at least. Perhaps it is an old plant brought into prominence, that has long been lost sight of. I have been trying to get seeds for the last year, or more, but did not succeed until this spring when a friend sent me some, and now I have forty or fifty nice plants ten inches in height. It is a nice, compact grower, and quite hardy for an annual, and the seeds germinate more promptly than any seed I ever planted.

John.

Linn Co., Ia., June 15, 1903.

**Ambrosia.**—I wonder why the Ambrosia is not more generally grown. We have always had it among our hardy flowers. It is an annual, but is self seeding. It bears transplanting, so one can plant it wherever wanted. The young plants come by the dozens in the spring, from last year's seeds. It sends up its spikes of odd, green flowers almost from the first. It is a dainty green, and deliciously sweet. We always put it among our bouquets of cut flowers, and considered our bouquets incomplete without its pretty sweetness. Just the last year or two I have seen it in our garden seed catalogues, and yet it is an old-time favorite. The plant is of the easiest culture. Give an individual plant plenty of room, and rich, deep soil, and it makes a large, handsome plant.

Mrs. Olivia Gilliland.

Cass Co., Mo., Dec. 12, 1902.

## Window Culture.

### FREESIAS.

**T**HE Freesias are daintily pretty, with their creamy, waxen flowers, and their indescribably sweet fragrance. Grow them once successfully and they will become a permanent addition to your collection. The hills require but little care, and afford rich returns in bloom and fragrance just when flowers are scarce. Plant four or five good-sized bulbs in a four or five inch pot, about an inch under ground. Use good, rich, garden soil with some sand, and have good drainage—charcoal or pebbles. Set them immediately after potting in a sunny window, and push the pot close to the glass. Don't keep them in a warm, dry room. Mine were so pretty last winter, that besides using my own bulbs I purchased a dozen and a half more this fall. Plant in August for Christmas bloom, and every two weeks for a succession of flowers. Give plenty of water after the blades begin to appear. I place a slender stake firmly in the center of the pot for a support.

Mrs. Olivia Gilliland.

Cass Co., Mo., Dec. 12, 1902.

**Begonias.**—Begonias are my favorite window plants. Some I prize for their lovely foliage, and others for both foliage and flowers. I have a Rex with luxuriant foliage; and two flowering Begonias, occupying the same dish, are similar in foliage, but one has pure white, and the other bright red blossoms. Being nearly perpetual bloomers, the dish is verily a bouquet of itself. The bronze-leaved and spotted-leaved and the Angels Wing, with their great wealth of pink jewels, are handsome, and all very easy to care for. Just give them good, rich soil, good drainage, plenty of water, and all but the Rex, a good shower bath once a week, and trim off all the inferior-looking leaves, and you will have beauties.

Mrs. E. D. P.

Susquehanna Co., Pa., Aug. 20, 1903.

**Several Palms in a Pot.**—When Palms are raised from seeds it is quite a scheme to put from three to five plants of the same variety in one pot. They should be fully two inches apart, and in repotting, treat as one plant. I am growing several in this way, and by so doing, expect to have creditable specimens somewhat sooner; for, by the time each plant has grown one character leaf, the whole will be equal to a well developed plant.

Flora Lee.

Dutchess Co., N. Y., Nov. 14, 1902.

**Asparagus.**—Asparagus plumosus nanus is very lovely and fern-like in appearance, and with the climbing, feathery *A. tenuissimus*, adds just the touch of airy grace needed in a window greenery. The latter needs about as much water as a Fern.

Flora Lee.

Dutchess Co., N. Y., Nov. 14, 1902.

### CALCEOLARIAS.

**I**WISH all lovers of odd and beautiful flowers would buy Calceolarias. I had one last spring that for nearly two months was simply gorgeous. Everyone who came in would stop, on seeing it, and inquire, "What is that beautiful flower?" They can be grown either from seeds, or cuttings. For winter blooming start in the summer. They make lovely flowers for Easter. Give them soil composed of leaf-mould with some sand and a little garden soil mixed in. Keep moderately damp. They need rather large pots to bloom in. The flowers are of many bright colors, often bright yellow thickly spotted with red. They are so rich in color and so oddly shaped that many people first seeing them mistake them for artificial flowers. The clusters of flowers are often eight inches across.

L. M. McDonald.

Hants Co., N. S., Canada.

**Sansevieria zeylanica.**—This plant is useful because there is always room for whatever will grow away from strong light; but give it very little water. It is always advisable to have a few plants which do not demand the best situations, yet are an ornament to the room.

Flora Lee.

Dutchess Co., N. Y., Nov. 14, 1902.

### BUSY DOCTOR

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## Floral Miscellany.

### THE EXILE FLOWER.

Stray child of the woodland, thou modest exile,  
'Midst rare garden flowers how sad is thy smile;  
So far from thy home 'midst the fern-scented bowers,  
Does naught bring thee joy 'midst my rare-colored  
flowers?

Must thou fade? I but stole for thy winsome face,  
And hoped that thy beauty my garden would grace.

Sagadahoc Co., Me. Alice May Douglass.

### TURK'S CAP LILIES.

**A**LL who have transplanted these Lilies from woods and meadows to garden nooks, or who have closely observed wild colonies, can testify to their variable color, size and shape. With age the petals of most of the flowers recurve into close coils, in true turban fashion. Again, mostly in young plants, the petals spread more widely and recurve only a little, giving the flower a much more graceful air.

Usually after transplanting, the lily stem doubles its height and number of flowers, but the color fades most disappointingly. One fine bulb that bore flowers of intense bright crimson I transplanted to a cool, moist, leafy place in the garden, only to have it fade into a dingy red. Yet the great stem towered above me with many flowers, and seemed the picture of luxuriant vigor. Planted in a dry spot, open to full sunlight, it is less vigorous yet the flowers are brighter, something I cannot account for.

The more generally cultivated Turk's-caps, *L. chalcedonicum* and *L. martagon*, are more constant in their fiery hues. They are as easily grown as the old Madonna Lily if left undisturbed, but do not seem to thrive well for a season or two after transplanting.

L. Greenlee.

McDowell Co., N. C., Aug. 10, 1903.

[NOTE.—The Turk's Cap Lily, *Lilium superbum*, is common in swamps in New Jersey and Pennsylvania. The Editor once got a plant in a swamp at Monmouth Junction, N. J., which was ten feet tall, and a pyramid of open flowers. It is certainly a Lily that should be in every garden, as it is hardy, tenacious, and handsome.—ED.]

**Baskets and Ferns.**—I want to tell what a pretty hanging basket I saw. The lady put low-growing, hardy ferns in the moss, so they would come on the outside, and they were lovely. In the basket she had vines trained to run up the wires and some drooping. Those who live where hardy ferns are plentiful need never want for a pretty hanging basket.

Aunt Nan.

Clark Co., Ky., May 13, 1903.

**Bone Dust.**—I gave a small amount of bone dust to my Otaheite Orange, and it has become a beauty. I find bone dust sparingly used very beneficial to plants.

Mrs. J. S. Hughs.

Hardin Co., Ky., Dec. 16, 1902.

### POPPIES FOR A BULB BED.

**A** LARGE bed of Poppies near a hydrant, proved to be the most attractive spot in our yard. The plants grew—oh so rank, and were a solid sheet of bloom until killed by frost. A light shade of pink was beautiful, but I would always plant the mixed seeds. These would be nice to plant on a bulb bed. I planted California Poppies on a bulb bed last

year, and it was a sheet of gold until very late in the fall. I planted the seeds early, scratching them in around the Tulips, before they were through blooming.

Aunt Anna.

Lincoln Co., Wash., Feb. 18, 1902.

**Australian Tree Fern.**—The Australian Tree Fern is an ornamental foliage plant that every one should grow. Its leaves or fronds are immense, and of such an exquisite shade of green, so lacey and yet so substantial. It only requires ordinary treatment, such as one would give an Asparagus or Palm.

Mrs. J. J. M.

Marlboro Co., S. C., Dec. 4, 1902.

### DOCTOR KNEW Had Tried it Himself.

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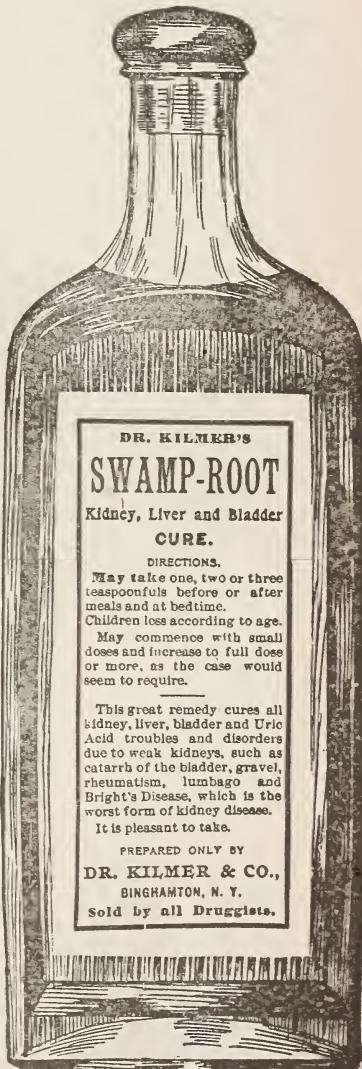
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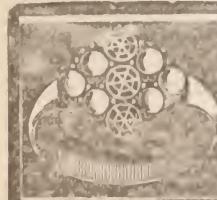
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### GOSSIP.

Dear Floral Band:—I wish to tell you of a Lily I have. About fourteen years ago I had a white Day Lily, but neglected to repot it. I lived at that time in Indiana. The pot was set out of the cellar in the spring. It did no good, of course, and did not bloom. In the fall some one set it back in the cellar. The next spring it was set outside again, and in a few weeks, what was my surprise to see it bursting through the ground, but not a light green as before, but a dark green with purple spots all over the bud. I unpotted it at once and, it grew finely. The leaf stalks were spotted, and the leaves not more than half as wide as the old white Lily. It bloomed in August. Instead of white flowers, it had lilies, sixteen on one and fourteen on the other flower stalk, each Lily about half the size of the white. The petals well curved back, in color, white, and lilac veined, or as near that color as I can describe it. It bloomed two years for me in the North. We then came here, and it has bloomed every year since, but has not changed back. This will make the twelfth year it has bloomed.

Laura Eberly.

Rhea Co., Tenn., Apr. 28, 1902.

Mr. Park:—I have taken your Magazine for three years, and I enjoy it very much, for it gives so much information about caring for flowers.

Mrs. Irene Elliot.

Rice Co., Kans., Aug. 10 1903.

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# FOUND HER FORTUNE IN THE STARS

## The Wonderful History of a Young Woman Who Raised Herself from Poverty to Wealth

BROOKLYN, N. Y. May 15.—The people of this city are wondering over the romantic story told by Miss Catherine Benoit, of 61 Pineapple Street, formerly a factory girl in this place at a salary of \$3.00 a week, now a wealthy young woman and a prospective bride.

Telling her story to a reporter, she said: "Some time ago I saw an announcement in a paper which said that any one could have their fortune told free by corresponding with an astrologer in New York State, and one time while I was talking with some girls in the factory I told them about it. They laughed at me, and we all agreed it was a humbug, but in a spirit of jest I wrote to the astrologer to tell my fortune. He sent me my horoscope as he agreed, typewritten especially for me, without charge, and it certainly contained some wonderful things. He told me some remarkable things about my past, which I did not believe any one else living knew about, as well as several forecasts about the future which came true. I corresponded with him further and he laid the future before me like an open book. Among the other things he told me

was that I would receive a legacy from a relative I did not know about, and that this would come to me by a trip to Boston. I did not expect at that time to go to Boston, but acting on a suggestion in the horoscope which said I would be lucky in lotteries, I took a ticket in a church bazaar which won me quite a beautiful prize. I sold the prize and in company with a friend took a trip to Boston, where I accidentally found a gentleman who turned out to be a relative of my mother's. He died some weeks afterward, leaving me the bulk of his fortune, which amounted to quite a large sum of money. Naturally, my experience got talked

about, and I was introduced to the gentleman whom I am to marry next week. Of course, I feel very happy, but I hope you will not write up any sensation in the paper about me. The astrologer from whom I received my horoscope is Prof. Edison, of Binghamton, N. Y. He is truly a remarkable man, and convinced me thoroughly that he is an accomplished astrologer and knows what he is talking about. He has also sent free horoscopes to several of my friends, and they all say he is truly wonderful. I think everybody ought to write to him, as they would doubtless get information which would do them good."

Further investigation of the story told by Miss Catherine Benoit reveals the fact that Prof. Edison, of Binghamton, has been an astrologer for a number of years, and that he offers to send a free horoscope, revealing the past and future of any one, free of charge, if they will but send him a 2-cent stamp to pay postage. Although it is true that a number of people do not believe in astrology, it appears that even in Binghamton, his own town, he has made people realize that it is indeed a science.



MISS CATHERINE BENOIT.

Any one interested in making their future successful and in knowing what their future contains should write to Prof. Edison immediately. He will send this free horoscope at once, without any charge, which will reveal the future certainly and without failure. He will tell you the history of your life from the cradle to the grave, what you can expect as your share of happiness and what is likely to come to you in unhappiness, unless you are in a position to avoid it. Therefore, write at once, stating sex, date and place of birth, enclosing a 2-cent stamp for postage, and a horoscope will be sent by return mail, free of charge. Address your letter to Prof. Edison, Avenue 1 L, Binghamton, N. Y.

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Licking Co., O., Oct. 12, 1903.

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ANS.—Agreeable to this Sister's wish I have secured and offer just such a collection, as advertised 10 bulbs for 15 cents including the Magazine a year. Thousands of my flower friends have ordered this collection, and included the orders of their neighbors which were secured by missionary effort. I am grateful for these favors, and gladly aid all who work for club orders by sending blank lists, sample copies, booklets, etc. Let the good work go on.

Dear Floral Folks:—Envious, well I guess I was, and you would have been, too, to have seen a Chrysanthemum that measured sixteen inches around, and to think a man raised it. There are so few men who care for flowers. It was a beauty, called the Lavender Queen. I am quite sure there was only one blossom to the plant. When I returned home I went out and picked several bouquets off my Chrysanthemums, and the envious thoughts were gone, for I could give so many of mine away I did not care for the monster Chrysanthemum at all.

Geauga Co., Ohio, Dec. 17, 1902.

Cuban Lily.—I wish to know how to treat the Cuban Lily to make it bloom?—Mrs. Bishop, Ont.

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Dear Mr. Park:—I am thirteen years of age. I like flowers, and live on a farm near the woods, where there are many wild flowers. I like to piece quilts and do fancy work. We have used your seeds and plants, and liked them. I like to read the Children's Corner, and mother likes to read your Magazine very much.

Ada Wright.

Ralls Co., Mo., April 12, 1903.

Dear Mr. Park:—I am eight years old. My sister takes your Magazine, and I read every word about flowers. Mamma says we could not raise flowers without it. I love flowers and have some of my own. I plant lots of flower seeds. We have a nice flower garden where we live. I will write and tell you about it sometime.

King Co., Wash. Dolly Pence.

Dear Mr. Park:—I am a little girl nine years old. My mamma has taken your Floral Magazine for ten years. My papa is a farmer. Mamma has a Geranium that has forty-one bunches of blossoms on it now, and another Geranium that has red and white blossoms on the same plant.

Esther B. F. Head.

Forest Co., Pa., July 29, 1903.

Dear Mr. Park:—I am a boy twelve years old. My mamma has taken your Magazine for three or four years, and has many flowers. I like Pansies, Roses and all kinds of flowers. For pets I have a bantam, a colt, a dog and three little white kittens. Yours as ever,

Pearl Fouch.

Highland Co., O., June 12, 1903.

Dear Mr. Park:—We have had the Floral Magazine for many years. Mamma has a large bay window in which she has many flowers that she bought of you. My sister loves flowers very much. Her name is Blanche.

Boxelder Co., Utah. Augusta Jorgensen

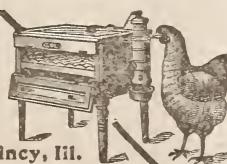
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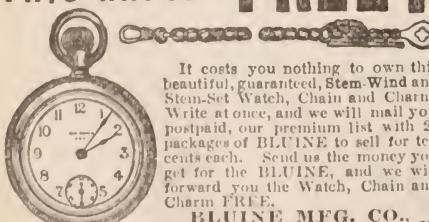
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### QUESTIONS.

Pansies.—Why do Pansies decay at the roots?  
I had some lovely ones, and everyone of them  
died that way.—Mrs. Walker, Cumb. Co., Pa.

Hoya.—Some of the oldest leaves on my Hoya  
are affected with white spots which seem to be  
spreading. How shall I treat the plant?—Mrs.  
Behrens, Texas.

## A FLORAL CHARADE.

1, 2, 3, 4, by a pun,  
Signifies the joy of one  
Whose debts are lessened by a penny;  
But if of debts he hasn't any,  
First he still has right to be,  
With half a second you can see.  
"Three, yes," you say, "to three is wrong,  
Two would not care to do so long,"  
And four, if plural, is untrue,  
So thus a wrong that two could do.  
The word, 'tis singular, when restored,  
Unsheathes an iridaceous sword.

Indiana Co., Pa. Domine.

## GOSSIP.

Hyacinths After Blooming.—A sister from Wayne County, Pa., writes:

After my Hyacinths have done blooming in the window, and the leaves have reached their full size, I remove them to the cellar, where they get a little light (more would be better), watering when necessary as long as the foliage keeps green and active, and the bulbs get ripe and solid. In August I shake them out of the soil and save all the larger ones until the time of planting in the border. The next season I place a few of the extra nice ones in tin cans for window culture, as I can get them earlier than those I buy, but not as fine spikes of bloom can be expected of them.

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## HIS LAST SHOT.

It is to be regretted that many men who occupy positions of great influence find pleasure in slaughtering birds and animals as sport. It seems cruel and inhuman to thus treat or mistreat poor dumb brutes, but it is possible such "pleasure" will be indulged in until we reach a higher state of civilization, or until the feelings of humanity become more refined and considerate. It is true that some indulge thoughtlessly in hunting because the cruelty of the sport never occurred to them. The conversion of a sportsman is told in the following translation from Lamartine:

"A harmless, happy roebuck bounded joyously over the wild thyme on the verge of the wood. Now and then I could see him above the heather, pricking his ears, butting in play, warming his dewy flanks in the rising sun, and browsing on the young shoots, in his innocent revel of solitude and safety.

I am a sportsman's son and spent my boyhood with my father's gamekeepers. I had never thought about the brutal instinct that leads man to find amusement in slaughter, and to destroy without necessity, justice, pity or right, animals who might equally claim to hunt and slay him if they were as ruthless, well armed and savage in their pleasures as he is in his. My dog was on the alert, my gun pointed, the deer right ahead. I did feel a certain hesitation and remorse at cutting short such a life—such joy and innocence in a creature that had never harmed me, and that delighted in the same sunshine, the same dew, the same morning freshness, that I did; created by the same Providence, perhaps endowed in a different degree with the same thought and sensibility, perhaps bound in the same ties of affection and relationship—looking for his brother, waiting for his mother, his mate, his little one. But Nature's recoil from murder was overborne by the mechanical instinct of habit. I fired. The roebuck fell, his shoulder broken by the shot, and his blood reddening the turf on which he vainly struggled in his agony.

When the smoke dispersed I approached, pale and shuddering at my misdeed. The poor, lovely creature, was not dead. It looked at me, its head sunk on the grass, its eyes swimming in tears. Never shall I forget that look, to which amazement, suffering, and untimely death seemed to give a human depth of feeling quite as intelligible as words—for the eye has its language, and most of all when about to close forever. That look said distinctly, with a heart-rending reproach for my wanton cruelty. "What are you? I do not know; I never offended you. Perhaps I should have loved you. Why have you struck me with death! Why have you snatched from me my share of sky and breeze, of light and joy and life? What will become of my mother, my mate, my fawn, waiting for me in the brake, to see only these torn tufts of hair and these drops of blood on the heather? Is there not above an avenger for me and a judge for you?"

This is literally what the eyes of the wounded deer seemed to say. I understood and reproached myself as if it had spoken with a voice. "Put an end to me now," it seemed to say, too, by the grief in its eyes and the helpless shiver in its limbs. I would have given anything to undo what I had done. Alas! the most merciful close to my pitiless work was to shoot my poor victim once more, and so put it out of its misery. Then I flung my gun away, and in truth shed tears of which I am not ashamed. My dog knew something of my meaning; he did not stir, but lay beside me sad and abashed, as if he mourned with me and the victim of this cruel, wanton sacrifice.

I abandoned forever the brutal pleasure of murder, the sportsman's savage despotism which, without need, right or pity, takes away the life that he cannot restore. I swore to myself never again to cut short in my caprice of an hour of sunshine enjoyed by these denizens of the woods and by the birds of heaven, who taste like us, the transient ecstasy of light and the more or less vague consciousness of existence under the same sky as ourselves."

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## BRIEF ANSWERS.

Catalonian Jasmine.—An esteemed correspondent takes exception to the Rhynchospermum Jasminoides being called Catalonian Jasmine, that the name belongs to a Spanish Jasmine known as *J. multiflorum*. English authorities say that the name is rightfully given to *Jasmine grandiflora*, a species from the Himalayas, "a warm greenhouse shrub much like *J. officinale*, and that *J. multiflora* is a synonym of *J. pubescens*, a species from China, introduced in 1759. In America the Rhynchospermum Jasminoides has been known as Catalonian Jasmine for many years, though perhaps without authority. It is only another, but common name for that lovely evergreen shrubby vine introduced from Shanghai in 1846 and called by Lindley Rhynchospermum Jasminoides, from Rhynchos, snout, and sperma, seed; by Lemairé *Trachelospermum*, from trachelos, the neck, and sperma, and Parechites by Asa Gray. It belongs to the order Apocynaceæ, the Dog-bane family, to which the well-known plants *Allamanda* and *Nerium* or *Osmanthus* belong, as well as the common Dogbane, *Apocynum*. The Jasmine belongs to the Natural Order, Oleaceæ, the Olive family, which includes the *Forsythia*, *Syringa* or *Lilac*, *Ligustrum* or *Privet*, and the *Fraxinus* or *Ash*. In closing our correspondent adds "But what does it matter, for both the Rhynchospermum and Jasmine are desirable plants," to which those who know them will agree.

Aloe.—A sister writes that she has a plant that is succulent like *Sansevieria*, but the leaves are covered with tiny, raised silvery spots. People who see it call it *Beer Tongue* and *Snake Cactus*. It is probably a species of *Aloe*.

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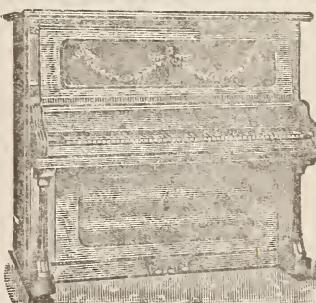
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Hoya or Wax Plant.—Mr. Park:—The plant that my slip of Wax Plant came off of did not bloom much, and I was discouraged about my plant. It is on a frame five feet high, and from one foot to two feet in width. It covers both sides of the frame. Last year it had one cluster of bloom. It is seven years old. Last September we repotted it, putting it in a candy bucket. You may imagine my surprise about the middle of April, when I thought I would look at it and see if there were any buds. I counted twenty-four bunches, and in about a week there were forty bunches. It is through blooming now, but bloomed for three months. It had twenty-eight clusters of bloom on it at once, and maybe you think it wasn't lovely! Oh, how sweet! I counted the stems the other day and found fifty. All bloomed once, and eighteen bloomed twice, and one bloomed three times on the same stem this summer. It is growing fast now. Is there any way to keep it pruned back? It is large enough now for a small house, and I want to keep other plants, too. I have several varieties. I am glad that you told us not to pull off the flower stems, or I suppose I would have pulled them off, as I do with other plants. Mrs. Irene Elliot.

Rice Co., Kans., Aug. 10, 1903.

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Grandmother sat there long ago,  
With Bible in her hand;  
Her shining curls were white as snow,  
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She rested there for many a year,  
Then softly passed away;  
For her sweet sake the place is dear  
To me, who old and gray,  
Will never have the time to share  
That easy nook and rest,  
Each day I have mele of care  
And this for me is best.

Up in the dawning's rosy light  
All Nature's charms are new,  
Each day in passing grows more bright  
With bending skies more blue.  
I breathe new life in every wave  
Of bracing wintry air,  
And living thus I do not crave  
Grandmother's Corner there.

Empty and silent let it be  
To memory sacred still,  
While I from idle dreamings free  
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Mr. Park:—I have seen so many nice letters in your Magazine and like to read them so well. I thought I would write. We have a nice flower

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Barry Co., Mich., July 7, 1903.

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son, in many cases, they took the entire crop of  
fruit. It seems evident that the laws will have to  
be changed. It is the fruit grower that needs  
protection."

What a "fruit-grower" he must be who raises no  
more fruit than a few song birds will eat. Why  
not put in an extra tree for the birds when plant-  
ing. Selfish and short-sighted indeed must he  
be who begrudges the robin and other birds that  
destroy so many noxious worms and insects in  
the orchard and garden, and give a free concert  
every morning and evening during summer, the  
few cherries they eat—mostly taken from the top  
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protecting birds are all right as far as they go.  
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aging along the fence rows, and in fields where  
our insectivorous song birds are nesting, and de-  
stroy more—many more birds and birdlings than  
they do mice and rats. Cats are useful as orna-  
ments in winter to lie under the stove and purr  
in daytime, and might be put into the barn to  
rid it of pests at night, if thought to be useful in  
that way. In spring most of them should be de-  
stroyed to save the birds. As a class, they are  
natural enemies of birds, and there ought to be a  
law exacting a tax on every cat owned, while  
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